What is claimed is:

1. A pyridine derivative represented by the general formula

$$R^1\text{—}\underset{R^2}{\overset{}{\diagdown}}\ \underset{X}{\overset{W}{\diagup}}\text{C}\text{—}\overset{(O)_n}{\overset{\|}{S}}\text{—}CH_2\text{—}\underset{N}{\overset{J\quad O\text{-}(CH_2)_m\text{-}Z}{\diagup\diagdown}}K$$
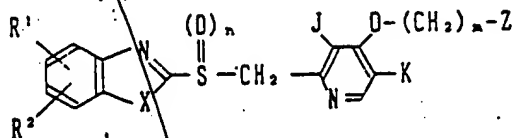
wherein R^1 and R^2 may be the same or different from each other and each stand for a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl, lower alkoxy, halogenated lower alkyl, lower alkoxycarbonyl or carboxyl group or a halogen atom;

X stands for a group represented by the formula: -O-, -S- or -N- (wherein R^3 stands for a hydrogen
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      R^3
atom or a lower alkyl, phenyl, benzyl or lower alkoxycarbonyl group);

Z stands for

①   a group represented by the general formula:
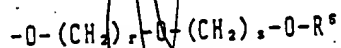
$$-O(CH_2)_p\text{-}O\text{-}R^4$$

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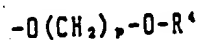
wherein p stands for an integer of 1 to 3
and R^4 stands for a hydrogen atom or a lower
alkyl, aryl or aralkyl group,

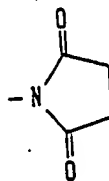② a group represented by the general formula:

$$-O-(CH_2)_q-R^5$$

wherein q stands for an integer of 1 to 3
and R^5 stands for a halogen atom or an
alkoxycarbonyl, aryl or heteroaryl group,

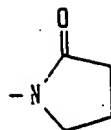③ a group represented by the general formula:

$$-O-(CH_2)_r-O-(CH_2)_s-O-R^6$$

wherein r and s each stand for an integer
of 1 to 5 and R^6 stands for a hydrogen atom
or a lower alkyl group,

④ a group represented by the formula:

$$-N\left\langle\begin{array}{c}\\\\\end{array}\right.$$

⑤ a group represented by the formula:

$$\underset{\displaystyle -N}{\overset{\displaystyle O}{\Big|}}$$

⑥ a group represented by the formula:

$$-N\underset{}{\diagdown}S\underset{O}{\overset{O}{\diagup}}$$
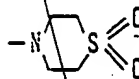
⑦ a group repreesnted by the general formula:

$$-\overset{(O)_t}{\underset{\|}{S}}-A$$

wherein t stands for an integer of 0 to 2 and A stands for a group represented by the general formula:

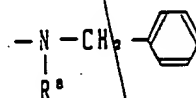$$\diagup\overset{N}{\underset{B}{\diagdown}}$$
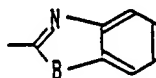
(wherein B stands for a group represented by the formula: -NH-, -O- or -S-), a lower alkyl, alkoxycarbonylmethyl, pyridyl or furyl group or a group represented by the general formula:

$$-(CH_2)_w - \langle\!\!\bigcirc\!\!\rangle - R^7$$
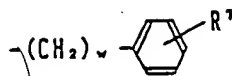
(wherein R^7 stands for a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl or lower alkoxy group or a halogen atom and w stands for an integer of 0 or 1),

⑧ a group represented by the general formula:

$$-\underset{\underset{R^8}{|}}{N}-CH_2-\langle\!\!\bigcirc\!\!\rangle$$

wherein R^8 stands for an acetoxy or lower alkyl group,

or

⑨ a group represented by the general formula:

$$-OR^9$$

wherein R^9 stands for a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl or aryl group;

n stands for an integer of 0 to 2; m stands for an integer of 2 to 10,

and

J and K may be the same or different from each other and each stand for a hydrogen atom or a lower alkyl group, with the proviso that when Z

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is a group falling under the above category (9)

wherein R^9 is a lower alkyl group, m stands for

an integer of 3 to 10,

and a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

2. A pharmaceutical composition which comprises
a phamacologically effective amount of a pyridine
derivative having the formula as defined in Claim 1
or a pharmaco.gically acceptabe salt thereof and
a pharmacologically acceptable carrier.